

I applaud the Eagle's victory today and commend each of these young men from across the country for the hard work and dedication they have committed representing our country at their sport's highest level.

Mr. Speaker I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating the members of the U.S. national rugby team and wishing them continued success at the 2011 Rugby World Cup.

2011 Rugby World Cup USA Squad: Inaki Basauri; Chris Biller; Todd Clever; Patrick Danahy; Paul Emerick; Tai Enosa; Eric Fry; JJ Gagiano; Colin Hawley; Nic Johnson; Scott LaValla; Mike MacDonald; Nese Malifa; Matekitonga Moeakiola; Brian McClenahan; Takudzwa Ngwenya; James Paterson; Mike Petri; Shawn Pittman; Blaine Scully; Junior Sifa; Hayden Smith; Louis Stanfill; Andrew Suniula; Roland Suniula; Kevin Swiryn; Phillip Thiel; Tim Usasz; John van der Giessen; Chris Wyles.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,683,910,471,705.99.

On January 6, 2009 the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,045,484,725,412.19 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

TRIBUTE TO NASA DRYDEN FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dryden Flight Research Center as it commemorates 30 years of space shuttle operations. Located at Edwards Air Force Base in California, Dryden is NASA's primary center for atmospheric flight research and operations and has been a vital component of the Space Shuttle Program.

Located in the western Mojave Desert, Edwards Air Force Base has been the site of 54 shuttle mission landings since 1981. Additionally, as a result of the important work done by the Dryden professionals, the skies over Dryden have been the site of major advancements in the design, capability, and safety of many state-of-the-art civilian and military aircraft.

Tirelessly committed to its mission of advancing technology and science through flight, Dryden's projects have been critical in carrying out NASA's missions of space exploration, space operations, scientific discovery, and aeronautical research and development. Some of these critical projects include managing the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) program, serving as the primary

alternate landing site for the space shuttle, and providing orbital support for the International Space Station.

The Dryden Flight Research Center has served a vital role by leading in aeronautics and space technology. Having enjoyed the experience of watching space shuttle landings firsthand, I am honored to recognize Dryden on its 30 years of operations now and for all its contributions to the Space Shuttle Program.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. OLLIE W. GATES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Mr. Ollie W. Gates, a businessman, humanitarian, community developer, and a resident of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am honored to represent. Mr. Gates is President of Gates Bar-B-Q, and is recognized as one of the purveyors of the best barbecue in the Nation, if not the world. His sauces and seasonings are shipped around the world and his famous greeting, "Hi, May I Help You?" is also known world-wide. Some Presidents of the United States have either stopped at his local establishments or had his barbecue products shipped to the White House. This week, Mr. Gates is to be inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame during a reception as part of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, an event held to honor the achievements of African-Americans who have made significant contributions to Missouri and the Nation.

After receiving a football scholarship from Maryland State College (now the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore) and excelling there for two years, Mr. Gates moved closer to home to help in the family business, graduating from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Upon completion of his studies, he joined the U. S. Army. He was a 1st Lieutenant at the conclusion of active duty service, and thereafter served in the Army Reserves in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Gates' list of achievements read like a Who's Who in business, volunteerism, and philanthropy. He served on the Kansas City Board of Parks and Recreation for 18 years, many of those as President. He was the spearhead of the Black Veterans Memorial in Kansas City to honor a group of soldiers never-before memorialized in Kansas City and he is in the process of renovating a building to honor his friend Buck O'Neil, a manager with the Kansas City Monarchs baseball team in the Negro Leagues, and a coach with the Chicago Cubs in the Major Leagues. He has served on numerous civic boards including the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, Bruce R. Watkins Foundation Inc., US Bank Corporation, Negro Leagues Museum, Spirit of Freedom Foundation Inc., City of Fountains, and the Enshriners to name a few. Mr. Gates has also been recognized for many civic honors such as Restaurateur of the Year Award by the Greater Kansas City Restaurant Association, Citizen of the Year Award by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas

City, Outstanding Leadership Award by the NAACP, Executive of the Year Award by the Corporate Report of Kansas City, Missouri, and the Hall of Fame Award and Distinguished Alumni Award both from Lincoln University. Mr. Gates has received many more accolades too numerous to mention.

Ollie Gates has been recognized in the form of music by Professor Bobby Watson, director of the University of Missouri, Kansas City Conservatory of Music in the jazz ensemble work, The Gates BBQ Suite. This is a seven-part rendition which has been put on CD. There is also a CD recorded by Kansas City rapper, Tech N9ne entitled The Gates Mixed Plate. Mr. Gates was this year's "hero" to elementary students at the Gladstone Elementary School in Kansas City. The kids sang a song to him entitled "Hi, May I Help You!" which was a spin-off of the saying that employees of Gates Bar-B-Q say to everyone who comes into their restaurants to order food.

For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and privilege to induct Mr. Ollie W. Gates into the Missouri Walk of Fame at its annual reception, hosted by myself and fellow Missourian, U.S. Representative WILLIAM LACY CLAY of St. Louis.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Mr. Ollie W. Gates and applaud his endless commitment to serving the residents of the State of Missouri and the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. He is a true role model, not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire community nationally. We are certain that his success as an entrepreneur and his use of his considerable gifts in rebuilding 12th Street, east of Troost, and the entire area around 47th Street from the Paseo to Troost Avenue will serve as a stepping stone or road map for many other African-Americans eager to become as successful in their own undertakings as Ollie W. Gates has exemplified.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF STANLEY N. COHEN, M.D. ON THE OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE DEAN'S MEDAL AT THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stanley N. Cohen, M.D., who was awarded the Dean's Medal on Saturday, September 10, 2011, by Dean Philip Pizzo of the Stanford University School of Medicine. He noted in his comments at the event that it was a particular honor to be honored by his colleagues and by Stanford. Dr. Cohen was described in the event program as follows:

Stanley N. Cohen, M.D., is a magna cum laude graduate of Rutgers University. He received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1960. Following subsequent training at the National Institutes of Health, he joined the Stanford faculty in 1968.

Dr. Cohen is the Kwoh-Ting Li Professor in the School of Medicine, Professor and former Chair of Genetics, and Professor of Medicine at Stanford. He and his colleague, Herbert W.